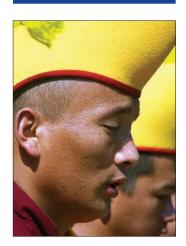


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A night with the campus police



WILL GODFREY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Rookie Tami Pissott patrols downtown Milledgeville on an uneventful Tuesday evening. Tami graduated from GCSU in Dec. 2005 with a degree in criminal justice and has been working for the GCSU Department of Public Safety for six months.

BY JOSH FULMER SENIOR REPORTER

The tires on Officer Greg Williams' patrol car screamed as they struggled to gain traction on wet Jefferson Sreet asphalt. A light rain earlier in the evening was just enough to make the streets slick and the night air muggy.

"We'll pull this car right here," Williams said. "He's driving with his bright

lights on." A U-turn and rapid acceleration put the Ford

offending Volvo. Police Interceptors have stronger engines, transmissions and brakes than their Crown Victoria counterparts. That's good to know as a passenger. Especially about the brakes.

Williams weaved through traffic to close the gap between his car and the Volvo.

"Is that the car? ... yeah, that's it," Williams said, answering his own question.

So on came the blue Police Interceptor about lights as a traffic stop was

first of many peel-outs, chases, license checks and "Sir are you aware that it is against the law to____?" made by the GCSU Police that Thursday night.

campus and downtown areas proved uneventful, the officers on duty met at the Irwin Street Parking Lot to plan a license check. They decided on the intersection of Irwin and McIntosh streets and set up their operation. Several officers were stationed in the intersection to check

five vehicles behind the initiated; it would be the licenses, while others stood ready to assist or chase down vehicles that fled. Police cruisers were pointed in each direction, engines running.

It didn't take long before After a patrol of the there were more squealing tires.

> Most people who want to avoid a license check don't run through it; they try to inconspicuously turn off or do a U-turn to avoid it. Drivers will even pull into random driveways in order to minimize suspicion. That's where the chase cars come in.

Excuses vary from "I'm sorry officer, I'm lost," to "Oh, I turned around because I thought it was a wreck."

An SUV rolled up to

Officer Tammy Pissott. After a look at the driver, Pissott walked over to her patrol car to get the Alcosensor. "Do you smell it?"

Officer Justin Gaines

asked as she walked back to the vehicle. "That's

Pissott said, apparently

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ARIANA YOUMANS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER (L-R) Brian Lee, a freshman business major and John Sprinkle, a freshman pre-engineering major, praying during As One.

As One unites campus Christian ministries

BY LEE SANDOW SENIOR REPORTER AND

BY LAUREN McDonald STAFF WRITER

As One, the comingtogether of the students involved in the many different GCSU campus ministries, held its annual gathering last week to celebrate their love for the to allow people to feel

almighty Lord.

Magnolia Ballroom on Oct. 2-4. The event included prayer, speakers, performances and videos to express the love of Christ. The mood of the celebration was one of closeness, and of trust and belief.

"This is an atmosphere

closer to Jesus Christ," The event took place in said As One Spiritual Leader Erik Gotrich. "An atmosphere of worship, to help us unify under His name."

During the three-day event, students sat all over the floor of Magnolia Ballroom, offering prayers, singing songs and

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Coming out day held at GCSU

BY JAMIE FLEMING STAFF REPORTER

On Oct. 11, the Gay-Straight Alliance held its own National Coming Out Day on Front Campus.

According to the University of Kansas Medical Center, National Coming Out Day is an international event which gives gay, lesbian and bisexual people the opportunity to "come out" to others about their sexuality. It also provides a means of increasing the

visibility of gay people. The day is held to make people feel comfortable coming out, whether it is their first time ever, or the first time telling someone new, Chelsea Bruner, the president of Gay-Straight Alliance, said.

"I have friends that have been out since the '70s and '80s; they take the day to come out to someone new," Bruner said. "Coming out is a process that people think you come out and you only do it once; it's kind of a lifelong thing that you have to keep doing."

And Bruner knows this from her personal experience. She began to come out to a few individuals in high school, but she didn't tell the rest of her family until she was in college.

"I came out to my mom and dad in high school. I was out to one friend in high school, and she told me to tell none of my other friends because it would be a bad thing,"

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SHELLEY WATSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GCSU alumna Kim Martin spoke to students about how she became the executive vice president of WE TV and also gave advice on getting the best out of life.

Alumna talks job success

BY COREY DICKSTEIN STAFF REPORTER

GCSU alumna Kim Martin returned to campus on Oct. 3 to present students with insight into her career experiences and to offer advice on becoming successful.

Martin graduated in 1982 with a degree in political science, and is now the executive vice

president and general manager of the Women's Entertainment Network (WE TV) in New York City, N.Y.

Throughout her presentation, Martin urged students to seek out opportunities throughout their college careers.

"Try as many internships and jobs as you can while you're in college," Martin said.

After graduating, she went to work for Atari, the company responsible for Pac Man, and then a pharmaceutical company, before going to Georgia State University and getting her masters of business administration.

One of the life lessons Martin shared with students stems from an inter-

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aware of the driver's legal history.

"Oh," Gaines said.

A quick test on the Alcosensor concluded that, while the individual was not over the legal blood alcohol level to operate a vehicle, there was alcohol present in his system. He was under 21, so he should have "blown zeros."

"...It's that alcohol, man. It seems to be a problem for you..." Officer Gaines said as he escorted the handcuffed young man

Gaines was corrected by Sergeant Scott Lance.

"No, that's his fifth. I other night," Lance said.

Things began to slow the officers agreed to meet elsewhere in half an hour. The group split up and patrolled the streets – state law gives campus police jurisdiction on university property plus 500 yards in Michael Baker, the newest direction. Milledgeville, that includes the downtown area.

Calls came over the

to the back of his patrol car. radio: an underage drinker "That's his fourth under- at a downtown bar; a possiage possession," Gaines ble wreck on Hancock Street. The officers seem apologetic that there's nothing exciting going on. They all agree the rain eargave him his fourth the lier in the evening is keeping people home.

The next license check down on Irwin Street, so is set up on Clark Street, across from the Centennial Center driveway.

> Soon tires are squealing again; someone made a Uturn to avoid the check.

> "I love that sound," said addition to the GCSU police force.

Baker, a GCSU graduate who has not yet gone through police academy, must be content to observe the night's excitement.

Williams and Lieutenant Joe Grant race off to chase down the SUV.

"I miss it every time," Pissott said, disappointed that Grant and Williams had been closer to their

Cars are stopped, licenses are checked, citations are issued. There are more sidewalk sobriety tests with the Alcosensor.

"These kids... they want to go downtown and party and drink a little bit. As long as they (are of legal age), OK.... But they should walk home," Grant

The officers took a halfhour to patrol downtown and campus once more. A conflict between an overzealous patron and a bartender was dealt with downtown. A few guys were reprimanded and given sobriety tests after shouting obscenities in front of the dorms.

One of them had an extra



WILL GODFREY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

GCSU Police Officer Tami Pissott confers with Sgt. Tuft about a traffic stop on Clark St. on Tuesday evening.

I.D., which is illegal. Williams says that many people keep old I.D.'s in case they ever get one of them suspended and have to mail one of them in.

"I've got a console full of them." Williams said.

He is not exaggerating. The licenses, some fake, some just expired, spill out of both of his hands and back into the console. The "best" one, a fake I.D., is simply printed on photo paper that reads "Hewlett Packard" on the back.

The flimsy license comes to mind again about an hour later when an officer remarks "It's the ignorant people that make our job easy.'

The last stop of the night, Clark Street in front of MSU, was also the busiest. It's Thursday night and the bars are about to close. They came at a steady pace – drunk people on sidewalks, drunk people in cars. A carload of extremely intoxicated individuals rolled up to Pissott.

"Who all has been drinking tonight? ...Don't lie to me. That's the worst thing you could do right now," Pissott said.

The car passed through without incident. The designated driver blew zeros.

One highly intoxicated pedestrian believed that a 2:30 a.m. license check is a perfect opportunity to introduce himself to the local law enforcement. He wandered out into the street to shake Officer Gaines' hand.

"Waass up, Man!" he

"Not much, buddy, but you need to get out of the street," Gaines said.

"Aaaww I jus wawnted to come saaay heeey," the pedestrian said.

His drinking buddy, who appeared to be in slightly better shape, called him back over to the sidewalk.

"Aaww I wus jus tawkin to tha cops," he explained. Another pedestrian let

out a yell. "Was that absolutely necessary?" Gaines said.

"No sir, Officer, it was not," was the answer.

"It's never too late to be an idiot," said an officer when the pedestrians had

passed.

The streets and sidewalks soon cleared. It was nearly 3 a.m.

Baker returned, flashlight in hand, from his "rookie" assignment: a foot patrol of campus. For one night at least, no one was peeing on front campus. He had nothing to report.

The officers gathered in the middle of the street to discuss the night's activi-

2 citations for improper child restraint

1 citation for underage possession of alcohol

1 citation for loud music 1 citation for expired tag 1 citation for improper parking

1 citation for failure to maintain lane

1 citation for expired license

It was nothing for the record books; nothing to send in to "COPS." A boring night by all accounts.

But that's good. A boring night for the GCSU Police Department means people are behaving themselves in Milledgeville.



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view she had after completing her MBA.

"I interviewed for a job World Encyclopedia," Martin said. "The interviewer said, 'The words you used were articulate and intelligent, but not the way you said it,' referring to my southern accent."

Martin began her television career by taking a managerial position in a startup company, now well known for the Discovery Channel.

She packed all her things and moved to Washington, D.C. where she did not know anybody and became the 34th employee at the company.

"My feeling at the time was that I had the time to take a risk," Martin said. "You need to do your research and your homework, so you have a sense of what kind of risk you are taking."

Martin's time with Discovery turned out to be a risk that rewarded her well.

She eventually became the senior vice president of the company, and when she left after 12 years, the company had grown to 14 channels with over 5,000 employees Martin left the company

to pursue an opportunity to make more money in order to support her family. "I never sought to be

rich," Martin said. "I just wanted to make a good living."

Rainbow Media offered her that opportunity.

Initially Martin took a job in sales, but had higher ambitions and sought the general manager position.

"I didn't really have the experience for this job," Martin said. "But I was very persistent."

After six months of interviewing potential employees, Martin was hired and has held the position for nearly two years.

Martin has transformed the network from a primarily movie-based network to a mostly original programming network. "People don't have time

to sit and watch two-hour movies every night," Martin said. "We wanted to change to programming for younger people, mostly reality TV.".

In her tenure at WE TV, the ratings have increased by 29 percent, a drastic escalation in viewership.

"I knew what women just like me wanted," Martin said. "So I came in and made some changes to improve an already promising network.'

Martin told students, that in order to succeed, they should try as many jobs as possible, make a lot of contacts and find something they are passionate about.





Audit sorts through trash

BY BROOKE WILLIAMS STAFF REPORTER

The participants of the waste audit that took place last Wednesday on Front Campus found some interesting treasures among lots and lots of trash.

Environmental Science Club, along with Dr. Doug Oetter's seminar class on environmental campus audits, put on the audit in an effort to bring more awareness and initiative on recycling at GCSU.

"We took a representative sample of trash from different buildings around campus like Terrell, Arts & Sciences and some of the dorms and basically dug through it to see what percentage of the stuff is recyclable and what is not," said Robin Barker, a junior political science major and president of the Environmental Science Club. "We sorted everything out and we are going to calculate the weight and we are going to see what the value of it is that we could get on the market."

It wasn't just environmental science majors that participated in the audit, several students volunteered to dig through trash, including members of SGA, as well as passers-

by.
"I didn't realize how interesting this was going to be," said Scott Murray, a junior environmental science major. "We have found a working television, two unopened cans of beer, an unscratched CD that we have been playing for everyone's listening pleasure and a beautiful pair of women's underwear that have some

feathers attached to them." Sorting through

garbage was not the only part of the audit. There was also a petition for students to sign in favor of implementing a more large-scale recycling proon campus. gram Participants in the waste audit urged students to sign-on using a large and very loud megaphone. But they didn't have to work too hard as many students seemed willing to offer their support.

"I think this is great," said Kim Stowsick, a junior psychology major. "I have been waiting for something like this to happen because I drink a lot of bottled water and have no place to recycle them, so I think its great that they are doing this."

By the end of the day, over 600 students had signed the petition and participants in the audit had weighed out over 1,000 pounds of trash that could be recycled instead of being thrown into a landfill.

came from the Arts & Sciences building with the Kilpatrick building and the grounds around campus following close behind. The results of the audit and the petition will be presented to the school, and will hopefully present enough evidence to implement a successful recycling program at GCSU.

Dr. Oetter, advisor for Environmental Science Club, is confident that a program would succeed on campus.

"To make this the type of green campus that we want, it's going to take a big effort," Oetter said. "It is a big effort, but for an individual it's not. When an individual has the option of recycling or trashing, they will do the right thing. If we just have the right collection and processing facilities in place, then I think that we could have a successful program on this campus."

To find out more about environmental audits, visit the Environmental Club Web site at www2.gcsu. Almost half of that trash edu/orgs/student/esc/.



REBECCA HATTAWAY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The Environmental Science Club dug through campus garbage to find recyclable items during the "What's in Your Trash?" waste audit on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

As One

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hymns and otherwise praising the Lord. Though they started seated, when the music began, the crowd rose as one and sang along.

The theme of the overall As One experience was to create fellowship between all GCSU Christians as Jesus had intended. In John 17:20-24, Jesus prayed for all believers, saying that he hopes they can all love God, as God loved them before they ever existed (see sidebar for full verse).

Monday emphasized the theme of unity by having group prayer and prayer requests. There were around 120 people present for those two hours. Afterwards, there was a pizza social near the cam-Chik-Fil-A, Christian singer Reeves entertained.

On Tuesday night, Jeff Simmons, a Minister who formed a new church in Milledgeville with a large congregation, student spoke on how important it is that all Christians love God, and that they must love each other.

"Love god, love people," Simmons "Everything else builds on that. Agree and say, I'm going to love God, and I'm going to love you. This is what being one is all

Simmons also spoke of what Christians must do to "mature" in order to achieve perfect unity. He compared the journey of becoming an independent Christian to being a child.

"New Christians are very dependent on other Christians," Simmons said. "The second

(Christians) are a little more independent, and sometimes become a little more selfish about it. The third step, most people never get to. It's interdependence. It's not really about me, but about what God wants to do through me."

Praise of the Prodigal also took to the stage on Tuesday night, and led the crowd in singing nearly a dozen songs of praise. The group also performed on Wednesday night.

Gotrich spoke that night about temptation and about the power of God.

"If you're really serious about God," Gotrich said, 'you seek him everyday."

Dancers, actors and artists also showed their love for the Lord during the Wednesday night meeting.

After the worship sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, students broke into smaller groups to discuss the proceedings of that night, and to further discuss God or to pray.

As One was founded in 2005 by Nick Bruner, now a GCSU alumnus. The goal was to break down the barriers between different denominations, and to celebrate the Lord.

The mixing of the different groups was a rousing success, and now Gotrich has bigger plans for As One.

"Last year's goal was to combine ministries,' Gotrich said. "This year, we're looking to combine all people."

According to Gotrich, almost 10 percent of the GCSU population showed up at As One over the three nights. Simmons was very

impressed with the number of students present at the event.

"The people sang, not

because they were wonderful, but because they worshiped You," he said in prayer. "It's a wonderful, wonderful expression of love."

Many students who attended As One were also impressed with the turnout.

"It was amazing to see young college students so passionate about the Lord," said Doris Tandongfor, a freshman nursing major. "I'm glad I got to know this crew early in college."

As One is student led, and all funding comes from donations. Local churches, personal contacts and different individuals contributed money. Some students even gave their Hope Scholarship book money.

"We're not sponsored by any group," said Shannon Thompson, a junior history major, and student intern at The Wesley Foundation. "(As One) is sponsored by God, and God alone."

John 17: 20-24

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

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Bruner said. "She seemed to accept me at first, but then she tried to set me up with a lot of guys. It's not that I (really) tried to hide it in high school, because I didn't go out with guys or anything like that, it's just not that it was something (anyone) could talk about."

An incident during her first week of college caused her to tell her mom's side of the family and her dad's side of the family.

"A big event that stirred (my coming out) was my first roommate finding out that I was joining GSA, because when I came to college, I decided I was going to be honest," Bruner "(My roommate) asked what groups I was joining, and I told her."

tion was, she just assumed, in GSA is GLBT (gay, lest they get threats...This is bian, bisexual, transgen-

"After that, I slowly started coming out to my dad's side of the family, first to the people who I knew (might) be more supportive," Bruner said. "The last person to find out was my dad. I took those steps in college."

Bruner said the reason National Coming Out Day is observed at GCSU is many GLBT students continue to face difficulties here on campus.

"It's (National Coming Out Day) relevant because so many people on campus still face problems when they're perceived as GLBT

or are openly GLBT," Bruner said that her Bruner said. "This day is roommate did not even ask just to show how many her what her sexual orienta- people these words and insults are hurting. People even though not everyone get yelled at from cars, and just to show you're hurting more people than you think by doing (this)."

> Noelle Rose, a member of GSA, thinks this day is important to those who aren't GLBT, as well as those who are.

"I think the day is important, especially here on campus, because it brings awareness to the community about the issues dealing with homosexuality and the coming out process," Rose said. "Days like NCOD are important to everyone, not just gay people, whether they see it as such or not, because it's saying 'be who you are,' and so it doesn't necessarily apply to homo-

sexuals, though they are the main group of people being addressed; it also applies to anyone else who just wants to be themselves. Being an individual and being who you are is more important than being gay, and though addresses gay issues directly, there is also an underlying message of, 'Just be yourself."

Crystal Turnbull, also a member of GSA, thinks the day is important as well.

"Spend years not being able to feel like yourself," Turnbull said. "You lock who you are away inside, never letting the true you show because society tells you that you're wrong for feeling this way. They tell you you're sick, you're perverted, and worst of all, you're going to burn in hell for being gay. Well, this is why we have National Coming Out Day."



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER Junior Meredith North signs the "Your Coming Out Story" poster at the Gay-Straight Alliance table in celebration of National Coming Out Day.

She said this day is to is human – gay or straight – and our basic need for acceptance.

"We need this day to tell those who can't see past

their own ignorance that show the fact that everyone the gay community is here and is proud to be here. This is a day of support, a much needed support," said Turnbull.

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Columnists clash with Our Voice



BY CHRIS PITTS COLUMNIST

The Last week, gave Colonnade response in their column, "Our Voice" to the school shootings that have occurred in recent weeks. While I agree that the monstrous acts of the individuals that took part in these shootings are unparalleled, especially the one man who shot 10 Amish girls execution style, I was quite upset to see the illogical conclusions that followed. As a Libertarian and lover of the history surrounding our founding, I cannot let these notions Therefore, here are my retorts to one of their con-

clusions: "And don't pull that Second Amendment crap, it really only gives a militia the right to bear arms, and since we don't have the need for a militia anymore then you don't need the right to bear arms."

A little known fact about me is that when I read or see stupidity, I get a headache. After reading that, I passed out. This statement is entirely ridiculous, and can be

retorted by four points. Don't make a claim and then say that anyone retorting that claim cannot use a certain piece evidence to present an argument to the contrary. Doing this makes you no better than the federal government withholding evidence from convicted terrorists in Guantanamo Bay. If we debate gun control, the Second Amendment, and the interpretation thereof, is vital to the debate.

Look at the Second Amendment before stating what it does or does not say. The sentence structure is vital to its interpretation. "A wellregulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State (In other

words, for a state to be free, it needs a militia), the right of the people to keep and bear Arms (this defines what is needed to keep a state free, the right of the people to keep and bear arm, because the Militia is made up of ordinary citizens), shall not be infringed (The government cannot take it away)."

We need a militia and the right to bear Arms. Probably the worst thing about modern America is that the idea of our country being 50 separate, sovereign states under the unification of a federal government is no longer predominant in our political thinking. If neither the states nor the people have the right to bear arms, then only the federal government and its army will have guns, thus making the states and the people vulnerable to oppression.

The idea of a right being no longer needed is ludicrous. Our founding fathers believed that our rights, which are based in Declaration Independence as being given by our Creator, and protected from the government through the Bill of Rights, are naturally given to us at birth, not through our government. Therefore, the government cannot take away any right.

Any argument that states that guns should be outlawed because they are misused is, at best, illogical. An equivocal argument would be that since rapes occur, though by a minority of men, all men must be castrated at What must be understood is that the individual committing the crimes is at full fault for these crimes, not the weapons used. And, humans being attracted to violence and tragedy, allows the news media to exploit such stories for ratings, rather than focusing on stories that have guns being used for self defense. Being responsible about possession of guns is fine, but to say that their misuse is basis for a ban on guns is ridiculous.

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Politics were not intended as a profession



BY ANDREW ADAMS COLUMNIST

News of gun violence in schools has stunned America the last few weeks. These atrocities have led us to wonder what our country can do to defend our school children. Last week, "Our Voice," in The Colonnade's opinion section, brought up the possibility of completely banning all guns. After reflecting on this and reviewing many statistics, I came to the conclusion that this would create more violence and be detrimental to the future of this nation.

The city Washington, D.C. created a virtual ban of all guns by citizens in 1976. For the next 15 years their district's homicide rate rose about 200 percent, while the U.S. homicide rate rose only 12percent.

Kennesaw passed a law in 1982 that required every household to have at least one gun in the house. In the following years the residential burglary rate dropped 89 percent. There has not been a single gun-related homicide in Kennesaw since that law was created.

It seems ironic that with more Kennesaw is far safer than Washington, D.C. which has fewer guns. But the reason for this is people are less likely to attack someone if they think that person might have a gun.

Gary Kleck, researcher of gun-crime in society, estimates "Law-abiding citizens use guns to defend themselves against criminals as many as 2.5 million times every year-or about 6,850 times a day." He goes on to say, "As many as 200,000 women

use a gun every year to defend themselves against sexual abuse."

The National Safety Council reported in 2003 that American citizens are 10 times more likely to die due to a doctor's negligence than they are to die from gun homicide. In the three years between 2000 and 2002, there were twice as many football related deaths in schools than there were gun related deaths in schools. The FBI's Alcohol Tobacco and department Firearms reported that 40 million guns were purchased in the 1990s, but that the murder rate dropped 39 percent.

Opponents of firearms like to argue that guns are killing people. The problem with this argument is that it's justifying the murderer. Claiming that murder is the fault of a gun is saying that the person who fired the gun is not guilty of murder. A gun is just one tool that psychotic people have used to kill people. Other tools include knives, cars, pesticides, poisons, antifreeze, and many other items. Under the mentality that the tool used for the murder is the murderer, the only time a person can be charged with murder is when he or she kills with their bare hands.

I'm not a big gun-nut that wants everyone walking down the streets with AK-47s. I'm just an American that looks at facts and supports the Constitution. During the writing the Constitution, the Founders recognized the necessity of the right to bear arms because if a tyrannical government takes over, the people should be able to defend **Thomas** themselves. Jefferson stated this eloquently in 1787 when he said, "What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms."

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Partisanship as real a danger as nuclear weapons

This week, some of our worst fears were realized when, for the first time in a long time, an enemy of the United States detonated a nuclear weapon. The weapon that North Korea set off was small by today's standards and could not be sent via a missile to the U.S.

Somehow, this fact is not that comforting.

Any time a country that has been labeled as "evil" possesses a weapon of mass destruction, we have a legitimate reason for concern. That, according to the New York Times, this country also has a history of selling its weapons systems to other, more nefarious countries and factions should frighten citizen's of even the most remote and unlikely targets.

And yes, that means even all of us in little old Milledgeville.

You will have to forgive us if we are also not comforted by GCSU's many pre-World War II fallout shelters.

So what would be a comfort during this time of obvious peril?

Perhaps a united front from our leaders would have been a start, but obviously that was too much to ask. As usual, our government has chosen to divide itself down party lines instead of focusing on fixing the problem at hand. This week, democrats have practically climbed over each other in order to get their faces on TV in order to condemn the Bush administration and its handling of the

Last time we checked, it was the job of our elected officials to find a solution to a national crisis, not use it to their political advantage.

Was the war in Iraq a mistake?

Probably.

Can we do anything about that now?

Not really.

Can the situation in Iraq and the Middle East get

If North Korea were to supply a terrorist group a nuclear warhead, it could.

Knowing the fanaticism of our opponents, it almost certainly would.

What we can do is cope with whatever situation we find ourselves in, and try to deal with it in the best way possible. Of course, conflicts in political motives, and even in basic morality, can prohibit us from reacting in the best way possible.

Hot-headed individuals are pushing too hard and too fast, and others are acting too slowly. This will likely continue until something terrible actually happens.

After all, America lost Pearl Harbor before it finally entered the second World War. We had to suffer a direct attack on our nation before the threat of terrorism in the Middle East was addressed.

What might happen before we tackle an opponent with nukes? We don't want to imagine.

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Lately in the news it seems as if we have been confronted with terrible stories about what keeps happening in our political arena. The most recent of these stories, one that involves a self-admitted alcoholic who claims he was molested by Catholic priests, seems to be the most prevalent right now in American media. Mark Foley, a republican from Florida, has been involved in an ongoing scandal concerning his possibly sexual and illegal relationship with an underage page.

Mr. Foley is not the only one to come under scrutiny concerning his unethical and possibly illegal deeds in recent years, though. It wasn't that long ago when a democratic Mr. Bill Clinton got himself in hot water for his encounters with a lady named Monica in the Oval Office. In truth, it would seem that unethical and morally wrong behavior tends to favor both parties. If one was to keep up with the flow of political media coverage through the years, they would most assuredly find that every couple of months, a politician from both sides of the fence seems to get themselves in quite a disturbing bind.

I know that I'm not alone when I say that these types of actions disgust me. Of course, Foley's actions disturb me mostly because it involved an underage boy. Clinton's actions upset me because he was married and had a lack of respect for his wife the cunning it takes for one and his family. But both situations upset me for another reason: Both of these men controlled large segments of our country's power, which they then used to meet their own totally unethical desires.

These two individuals are not the only political figures that are guilty of this, however. This method of thinking seems to be a constant theme in our political arenas nowadays, even down to the local levels. The concept that political position is directly related to power and/or money is very prevalent in today's political society. Many politicians consider politics their "profession." This view is one that is in direct contrast to how our country was founded.

Being a political figure commands great power, but also should command great respect. This respect, however, should not come from those who appreciate

to hold on to power. This respect should come from citizens who appreciate what one has given up to do this public service, as well as what one has accomplished. The main commitment of a politician should be shared between one's health, one's family and the community, with all other commitments coming after.

Also though, it is important to realize that, as citizens, it is our job to insure we vote for those with a proper moral basis. Now, this does not mean we should insure they follow our religious views also, which seems to be a constant misperception. No, we as citizens need to consider the good of the majority, as well as the moral views of EVERY citizen.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerns over parking spread off campus as parents gripe

Dear Editor,

Being a freshman parent, I have followed with great interest the recent letters dealing with parking. My daughter is a resident of Foundation Hall and is required to park in the Irwin Street lot.

I have two observations I would like to make.

My wife and I recently visited our daughter for the day. I parked in the lot behind Foundation Hall and promptly received a \$30 parking citation for "out of zone parking/failing to register." I admit to my wrongdoing, but I would

designated parking for visitors anywhere near the dorms that I could find. Is GCSU sending a message to parents they are unwelcome during the week?

My second observation deals with the parking lot itself. At 4 p.m. the lot behind Foundation was nearly empty. Surely it would be a better arrangement to allow dormitory residents to park in this lot and commuters to park in the Irwin Street lot. I echo many sentiments expressed here earlier. Why force freshmen girls (or anyone, for that matter) to walk late at night on darklike to point out there is no ened streets through a scary

neighborhood to their dorm when there is more than adequate parking immediately behind the dorm? It is easy for GCSU to say work orders have been submitted, but the fact remains the streets are still dark.

Possibly college administrators need to go out to the Irwin Street lot at 11:30 p.m., or later, and walk back to the dorms themselves to see first-hand the unsafe situation that currently exists. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express myself.

> Sincerely, J. Smith GCSU parent

Local residence be forewarned

Dear Editor,

Regarding the article which illustrated the current push to remove college students from alternate residences in Milledgeville, I first of all wish to thank you for printing this article and making students aware of the situation. I've lived in Carrington Woods for a little over a year now, and the recent news regarding this new ordinance has been very discomforting to me, as well as my roommates.

Like many students in Milledgeville, I was able to acquire a private residence after my desired tenure in the dorms was up and get some roommates to live with me. Over the last year, more and more college students have been following this same trend of alternate living arrangements, not only because it is economically beneficial to a small group of students who might wish to collaborate and share the expenses, but and property owners, we have the right to. In my opinion, this new ordinance, which would limit the number of non-family members living in a single family house, is simply a politically correct and, in other words, nice way of saying limit the number of COLLEGE STUDENTS living in our neighbor-

hoods. GCSU, I've had to deal with countless tales of students getting scoffed at and disrespected by all ages of residents here Milledgeville, many of them who are old enough to be our parents. For whatever reason, many of the elder residents here Milledgeville simply don,t like the presence of the campus as well as the college students, at least this has been my experience. Skipping any further recollections, I'll cut straight to my point. Let me put it to you like this: To all the elder residents and city council members Milledgeville, you claim that this new ordinance is not anti-student, but rather pro-community.....are the students themselves not part of the community? Do we not live and work here as well? Do many of us not pay property taxes and participate in the community as homeowners? Are we an also because like a lot of us exception to what you con- and as long as the issues who are registered voters sider "valuable assets" to being discussed are that of your small way of life a pro-community nature, here? Does the fact that many of us are now, and becoming more and more every year, registered voters and property owners mean nothing? You know what I think? I think you're afraid that Milledgeville is changing and the way of life here is changing, whether you like it or not.

You don't seem to mind In my four years here at that nearly all of the employees and servers at all of your local favorite restaurants here Milledgeville are college students. You don,t seem to have a problem with the university attracting more and more college students every year which in turn adds to your city,s economic revenue each year. You don't seem to mind getting us here and getting out of us what you can to benefit yourselves and "your‰ community, but when it comes to us growing up and expanding into the community in which many of us contribute as much as you do, heaven forbid that can ever be allowed to happen. To the community of Milledgeville, I want you to think about this: I, as well as a great number of my peers and fellow college students, are eligible and registered voters here in Milledgeville, and that gives us as much of a say in the matter as anyone else, you can count on us to take an active part in protecting our own interests here in the community in which we too live.

> Sincerely, Ruari Roberts Criminal Justice Junior

Article promotes direct response

Dear Editor,

I just now read your article about the proposed rezoning conflict within the Milledgeville historical district, and I would like to share my opinion with you about the topic on hand. I was unaware of this until I read your article, but now that I have read through it, I believe that Milledgeville City Council may be, in a way, acting against students. I am sure that there are many local residents that dislike seeing many of the historical houses and other buildings being lived in by college students, but the truth of

the matter is those houses are open (as far as I know) for anyone who is willing to pay the price to live in. I do not live in one of these houses or even a section of the town that could be affected by this proposal, but I do know people who will. I disagree with the people who are concerned about allowing students (non-family members living in single family housing) to continue living in these houses because of the keeping up with the appear- reading this. ance" of the buildings.

It is true that some of these buildings could use some work, but then again,

so could half of the city of Milledgeville, so I don't think it is fair for people to be saying the students don't care enough.

I have seen students outside working on their houses many days, and I don't see the appearance as a problem in this particular area of town. This article has inspired me to join the group, Isn't it Ironic?, so that I can remain updated on the political issues concerning the GCSU area. fact they "don't care about Thank you for your time in

> Sincerely, Amanda Severin Business Sophomore

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How do you feel about National Coming Out Day?



"It doesn't bother me. I feel they should be free to celebrate their sexuality."

Kaleigh Alcarez, Freshman, Early Childhood

"Personally, I don't agree with it, but politically, everyone has their rights because that's what the Constitution promises."

Justin Reeves, Freshman, History





"I think it's a healthy thing. For anyone who is afraid to come out otherwise, it would help them get the strength to know that there are others like them struggling with the same thing."

Beth Ann Johnson, Sophomore, Art

"I think it's wonderful; it is a very supportive event by the gay community to help those who haven't come out in a very safe environment. It's a great celebration of their sexuality."

Lisa Walraven, Sophomore, Theatre





"They might as well have it. They have a national day for everything else."

Erin Baldwin, Junior, English

Beat Reported by Ariana Youmans



Procrastination is like masturbation, if feels really good at the time, but in the end, you are only screwing yourself.

Why must the game supporters take all the parking spaces for the Bobcat Village residents when there are THREE other parking lots for them to park in???

For the record, I believe President Leland is here to run a university, not be your BFF.

What's up with the white lines? Are they trying to take more parking

The earth is not five thousand years old, people. Please help yourselves to a science book in addition to your obviously ill-read Bible.

Why the hell does a college library close at 5 p.m. on a Friday?

To the girl in my English class who will never shut up: Our participation grade is not based on how many words you can speak in one class.

What's up with the hippie revolution on campus? Quit rooting through my trash, put on your headphones and go to class like a "normal" person.

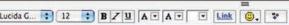
Naps are wonderful things.

It should be illegal to cook popcorn after midnight in the dorms!

I came on Eileen.

What's with all the novel-length vents the Colonnade has been publishing for the last few weeks? Haven't you guys ever heard the expression "less is more"? I mean, you're taking up space that other readers could be using to voice their opinions or make funny quips, but no, you insist on making your point the only one that can fit in the space. Talk about

I'm going through sarcasm withdrawals. Get me a new episode of "House", stat!



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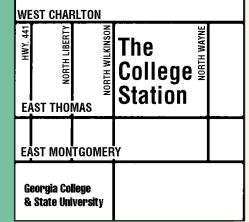
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Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St. John Culver's Exhibition "Traveling Through Time, Trying to Find Paradise," Blackbridge Hall

8 p.m. - Midnight

Freaky Friday Halloween Party, Magnolia Ballroom, Costume Contest @ 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 14

11 p.m. - 1:50 a.m. GCSU Midnight Madness, Centennial Center

Sunday, October 15

Monday, October 16

All Day Clothesline Project Display, Front Campus 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Curiosity Cabinet Resale Shop, Beeson Hall, Office of Academic Engagement, Rm 218 Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St. John Culver's Exhibition "Traveling Through Time, Trying to Find Paradise," Blackbridge Hall NAACP Political Action Forum, A&S Auditorium 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 7 p.m. FCA, Maple Room 8:28 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17

All Day Clothesline Project Display, Front Campus 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Curiosity Cabinet Resale Shop, Beeson Hall, Office of Academic Engagement, Rm 218 Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St. John Culver's Exhibition "Traveling Through Time Trying to Find Paradise," Blackbridge Hall BCM Synergy, Magnolia Ballroom Spades 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18

All Day Clothesline Project Display, Front Campus Curiosity Cabinet Resale Shop, Beeson Hall, Office 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. of Academic Engagement, Rm 218 Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St. John Culver's Exhibition "Traveling Through Time Trying to Find Paradise," Blackbridge Hall Career Center Wonderful Wednesday Workshop: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 10 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Interternships 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. CETL Workshop, 115 Beeson Hall

2 - 3 p.m. Career Center Wonderful Wednesday Workshop:

Interviewing/Skills ID

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A.N.G.E.L.S. meeting, Blackbird Coffee House 6 p.m. (Downtown)

Christian Life, Maple A Rm, SAC 8 p.m.

Wesley House, MS∪ Lounge 8 p.m.

8:30 p.m. International Club Coffee Night, Kilpatrick Atrium

Thursday, October 19

All Day Clothesline Project Display, Front Campus 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Curiosity Cabinet Resale Shop, Beeson Hall, Office of Academic Engagement, Rm 218 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mock Interviews with Madie Queen, 232 Lanier 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St. John Culver's Exhibition "Traveling Through Time Trying to Find Paradise," Blackbridge Hall 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Clothesline Project, Front Campus 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

T.N.T. BCM House 7 p.m.

Used CD/DVD sale

A Used CD/DVD sale will be hosted at Midnight Madness this Saturday, Oct. 14. Gently used

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Public Safety Report

Brake light, part 87

On Oct. 5, at 1:50 a.m., Officer Pissott observed a vehicle on Montgomery Street with a break light out. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with both driver and passenger. While speaking with them, Officer Pissott could detect a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from their person. When tested on the Alco-Sensor, both tested positive for alcohol. Both individuals were arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol. The vehicle was secured and left at the scene of the stop.

Watch for falling rocks

On Oct. 5, at 3:33 p.m., an employee reported that while driving a GCSU vehicle on Roberson Mill Road, a rock struck the windshield causing a crack the size of the quarter.

Follow the sounds

On Oct. 5, at approximately 6:58 p.m., Sergeant Self initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle on Wayne Street for loud music. Contact was made with the driver and passenger. A check through GCIC determined that the passenger had outstanding warrants through Baldwin County. The individual was

arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office. The driver of the vehicle was given a warning for Loud Music.

Two hits and a miss

On Oct. 6, at 12:26 p.m., Officer Pissott observed a vehicle on Liberty Street with a break light out. A traffic stop was conducted and contact was made with the driver and two passengers. While speaking to them, Officer Pissott could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverages coming from their persons. When asked, all of them denied consuming any alcoholic beverages. When tested on the Alco-Sensor, two of them, including the driver, tested positive for alcohol, while the third individual declined to be tested but did admit that had few beers earlier. All three subjects were arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol.

Bed time story

On Oct. 6, at 1:37 a.m., Officer Pissott was dispatched to Bobcat Village on reference to possible domestic violence between two students. Officer Pissott was unable to make contact with the female individual but found the male student laying under the blankets of the female student's bed, at her apartment. He denied having a physical altercation, saying it was only verbal. During the conversation, Officer Pissott observed a clear bag containing marijuana at the foot of the bed in plain view. The individual was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana and Giving False Name and Date of Birth.

> *Information compiled by* Renato Oliveira.

The SGA Newsfeel

When most people think Government Association. of the colors black and gold, they think of sports teams like The Pittsburgh Steelers, or maybe different kinds of jewelry. When Kappa Eta Chapter of Alpha Kappa free etiquette dinner please the colors black and gold, they think of other things. During the coming week, GCSU's Miss Black and Gold will hold a number of events that relate to teen pregnancy and sickle cell anemia.

One of the reasons why Miss Black and Gold can have its etiquette dinner is because of Student

This past week SGA helped to cosponsor the event by giving some money to reduce the price of student tickets. If you are interested in next week's events and Alpha Sorority thinks of contact bianca_longmire@ecats.gcsu.edu.

> In other news, the Festival, Sweetwater cosponsored by SGA, is right around the corner. Saturday, November 4th is the date of the festival. Keep your eyes and ears out for more information.

Halloween is also right around the corner. Last year a few events around

campus made Halloween a little unsafe. So, this year GCSU is having a Safe Halloween Party Night. It is October 31st, and will been in the Magnolia Ballroom from 10pm-1am. Make sure to have a costume, and the party will have free food, games, and prizes.

Lastly, the Planning and Zoning meeting has been rescheduled and will be held on Monday, Oct. 23 at 5:30 at Oak Hill Middle School.

Submitted by SGASenator Ryan Greene



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A monk from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in Karnataka, India, works to complete a mandala sand painting as part of a four-day residency called "The Mystical Arts of Tibet. The mandala was dismantled after its completion and the sand was deposited in the Oconee River. It is believed that the sand will then carry its blessings of peace and harmony to the ocean and the rest of the world.

Tibetan monks bring ancient culture to Milledgeville

BY JOSH FULMER SENIOR REPORTER

Just as the brightly dyed sand from half a world away mixed with the muddy clay of the Oconee, a culture that predates our own by centuries mixed seamlessly with the old South as Milledgeville hosted "The Mystical Arts of Tibet," a four-day residency by monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in Karnataka, India.

The sand was from a mandala, or sand painting, which was just one of the events hosted by GCSU Arts Unlimited and Allied Arts throughout the residency, which included several lectures, art exhibits, and a performance.

Equal parts art exhibit, history lesson and awareness demonstration, the residency, which was part of the Town and Gown Series co-sponsored by GCSU and Allied Arts, seemed to have tremendous support from the campus and the community.

"We felt like this was a very unique experience both for the community and the college," said Randy Cannon, executive director of Allied Arts said. "We have been very pleased with the turnout for the events; we've had tremendous participation from the university...so we felt like it was a real good investment in our community and just a wonderful opportunity to see something really unique to the area. I have been shocked at the response."

The opening ceremony on Oct. 2 at Allen's Market included ritual chanting and music, which involved multiphonic singing, a process in which each monk ,or Lama, produces three musical notes to form a complete chord. After the chanting, the monks began construction of the mandala, an intricate process that would take the monks 24 hours to complete over the course of their stay. Using 18 colors of dyed sand from a specific hill in India, the monks painstakingly placed sand with pinpoint precision using a tiny funnel-like device.

"(The) Mandala is actually an ancient form of spiritual art," monk Thupten Tendhar said. "It originated from India about 2,500

years ago during the time of Buddha and then it gradually came to Tibet with Buddhism, which came to Tibet in the 7th century. A mandala is also a part of that spiritual practice as well as beautiful art."

Mandalas are based on symmetry; they represent balance found in nature. They are dismantled once completed, Tendhar said, and offered to specific deities by being added to moving bodies of water. The positive energy they possess is then believed to travel to the ocean and distributed throughout the world.

From an artistic perspective, the mandala is nothing short of spectacular. Valerie Aranda, an art professor at GCSU, required all of her students to attend the event in hopes that that they would be inspired to "take the perspective of other cultures."

"I think (the mandala) is beautiful," Aranda said. "How (the monks) bring everyone together to share this process is incredible."

Students seemed to agree that the mandala, which would be extraordinary in any medium, was even more impressive because of its sand construction.

"I thought it was gorgeous," said Jennifer Lowe, a sophomore who's undecided about her major. "I didn't expect it to be so colorful and so intricate."

For the monks who create it, the utility of the mandala extends beyond he artistic to the spiritual. The composition of the mandala is not simply aesthetically appealing shapes and colors, but rather a specific design that has specific ritualistic interpretation.

Appropriately, considering its academic context, the mandala constructed last week represented wisdom. Other designs, including those for love and compassion, longevity, conflict resolution, death, healing and enlightened activities are memorized as part of training in the monastery.

On the evening of Oct. 2, Geshe Chodak gave a lecture entitled "Symbolism of the Mandala", in which he explained the mandala in greater detail

"The mandala actually is a transformation into an enlightened body, enlightened speech and enlightened mind, and to get this transformation, we are trying to accumulate lots of virtues and merit. And also by constructing the sand painting... we believe that it will help us accumulate those virtues and merits, which we believe are necessary for achieving the state of enlightenment," Chodak said.

Chodak gave another lecture on Oct. 4 entitled "Tibet Today: The Story of a Diaspora," in which he described the impact of China's seizure of power in Tibet, including his own escape to India.

Tibet was an independent nation with its own language, currency, government and foreign relations prior to the 1949 invasion by the People's Republic of China. The PRC then reorganized the provinces within Tibet, absorbing a portion into Chinese provinces and naming the remaining portion the Tibet Autonomous Region while maintaining Chinese authority.

Tibetans claim that the Chinese sought to abolish their religion and culture and absorb what had been Tibet into China. In the decade that followed, many Tibetans, including the 14th Dalai Lama, fled to India to escape persecution and genocide. The Dalai Lama continues to be the political and spiritual leader of the Tibetan people from exile in Dharamsala, India, where a democratic government has been established. In 1988, the United States passed a resolution that condemns the abuses occurring in Tibet. The following year, the Dalai Lama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to promote a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

Chodak said that the Tibetan people would not mind living under Chinese rule if they were free to maintain their identity.

"We keep saying that if we are supposed to live under China, we want to live with the freedom to practice our own culture and identity." Chodak said. "It's not just spiritual (beliefs) that China wants to uproot from Tibet, it's also the culture and identity."

According to Dr. William Risch, associate professor of history, the conflict between Tibet and China dates as far back as the Ming Dynasty when Tibet was a Chinese territory.

"In many ways the Chinese, after World War II, ... are trying to reassert that which had been Chinese," Risch said. "The thing is that Chinese Communism had always been national in essence, not just about liberating the working class but about liberating the Chinese nation from foreign influence...in many ways that's what they are trying to do, that's how they see their actions with Tibet. They are Chinese native control and keeping out potential foreign influences. It is also true that they have been trying to centralize power, more or less deprive the Tibetans of their cultural rights and so on, (with) no real talk of autonomy whatsoever. For Tibet now its maybe perhaps exploiting it more for this quasi-capitalist, quasi-socialist economy that that China has, but I think the goal still remains the same. They just want to bring Tibet into their modern, industrialized semicapitalist society. The goals in fact remain the same in many ways- cultural matters aren't as important; they don't want anything that would challenge the authority of the central government."

The closing ceremony for the mandala was held on Oct. 5 at Allen's market. The monks were dressed in ritualistic attire as they played music to offer their mandala, which they had finished only moments before, to the appropriate deity. After walking around the mandala three times (once each for body, speech and mind) Chodak quickly drew a line in the mandala in each of the cardinal directions, beginning with the East, with a ceremonial tool.

A gasp went up from the audience as more lines were carved into the brightly colored sand.

The lines, ten in total, were all drawn from the outside toward the center to bring positive energy to the deity who is represented in the center circle. With the lines complete, Chodak took a pinch of sand from the center circle and placed





WILL GODFREY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER (Above) Tibetan monks play traditional music at the mandala opening ceremony. (Below) Monks begin drawings that form the foundation of the mandala that took them four days to complete.



MONKS

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it on his head, signifying his unity with the deity.

Chodak then drew even louder gasps from the crowd when he brushed a wide swath through the mandala.

According to Buddhist philosophy, everything in life is ephemeral, including the mandala.

"It would be hard to dismantle something you worked on for so long," said Chris Stiles, a sophomore who is undecided about his major.

That portion of the ceremony complete, the monks brushed small amounts of sand into plastic bags and then distributed them to the audience as a blessing.

The monks then began a caravan to the Oconee River where, after music and chanting for the deity and the water spirits, the remainder of the sand was poured into the river. From there, it would begin its journey down the Oconee and into the Altamaha, until it eventually spills into the Atlantic Öcean as the

monks intended. That evening, in the final component of the series, the monks presented "Sacred Music Sacred Dance for World healing, ' a collection of five songs and dances used in ancient temple rituals that are believed to bring about world peace and harmony. In each performance, the monks were dressed in elaborate, brightly colored costumes that seemed to captivate the audience.

Part one included dances to invoke goodness, purify the environment and eliminate negative energy. Also performed was a demonstration of a philosophical debate as they occur in the monastery and a snow lion dance, which is said to symbolize the enlightened

Part two consisted of performances to demonstrate the temporary nature of all things, release the mind from the control of the ego and bring blessings and creative energy. The final performance, called Sangso Shijo, is said to promote peace, harmony and creative living.

The monks are doubtlessly accomplishing their goals for the "Mystical Arts of Tibet' tour: To share Tibetan culture with the rest of the world, to raise awareness about the plight of Tibet, and to raise money to support Tibetan refugees. With sincere smiles and calm demeanors, they managed to turn spectators into supporters and audience members into friends. Perhaps Tendhar said it best in his closing remarks:

"We strive to see you happy, smiling and loving, everyday, everywhere and forever.'

After the performance, the monks were available for questions, pictures and even hugs from an enthusiastic and visibly moved

"It was just amazing. All of the stuff that they've been doing this week has been really cool but it was just really neat to get to see everything that they do and all the costumes and all the dances and stuff," Kayla Peavy, a sophomore art major said. "I cant stop smiling - I'm just all happy and glowing - I got hugged by a monk. It was awesome. It was so cool... it was the best hug ever."

After spending considerable time interacting with GCSU students, the monks, are continually searching for knowledge themselves, have a few words of wisdom for



ANDREW BENESH Sand from the mandala was poured into the Oconee River.

young scholars.

"During the time of study, definitely sometimes we face difficulties, including not being able to understand what the teacher has taught," Chodak "This shouldn't discourage one's motivation to study, but one should learn from that experience and should keep on studying so that one's wisdom becomes very enriched and helpful for many others.'

Tendahr agrees that using knowledge to help others is the most important facet of wisdom.

"I would say that love and compassion are very important things, both for oneself and for others, both in short and longer runs," Tendahr said. "Education sometimes, as we are growing in this world, it is a very important part of our lives; it becomes our moral responsibility to become very productive as opposed to someone who harms others, and so on. So with this I would say that when you do study and you do practice, and then afterwards, when you go to the society, please go as a good human to bring prosperity to the community, to the society, to the nation and to the whole world in a larger

Frank serenades audience with classical guitar performance

BY BRIAN FARRELL

STAFF WRITER Elliot Frank is a professor at Eastern Carolina University and a traveling musician. He has performed at the Alexandria Guitar Festival, Piccolo Spoleto, the Appalachian Guitar Fest, and various other places ranging from Canada to the Dominican Republic. He has commissioned and performed many works for the guitar, one of which debuted at 2006 Foundation of America Festival in Columbus on Wednesday. Frank came to GCSU Tuesday as a guest recital musician on his way through to Columbus and wowed everyone in the audience

"He is amazing," Greene said. "The relaxation in his hands that I see even when he is playing something terribly fast is just incredible. He's the best kind of musician to see."

with his nimble fingers,

including Dr. Richard Greene, GCSU music pro-

fessor and fellow guitar

Frank plays a Paul Sheridan Custom classical guitar and his favorite guitar players (besides him-Quartet. His own style has been influenced by several genres of music but mainly that of Bach and several miscellaneous American and Spanish composers. He has somewhat of an obsessive personality, and when he's not playing guitar he is an active marathon runner. In other words, he runs 26.2 miles for fun.



ANDREA GRIFFIN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Guest artist Elliot Frank picks his guitar during one of his pieces at his solo concert Monday, Oct. 9, in the Max Noah Recital Hall.

"I spend so much time Andrew Zohn that was sitting around on my butt that I need something that makes me feel fresh and more alert," Frank said. "It doesn't take a couple days or weeks to play the kind of music I play. It takes months of preparation, followed by a few self) are Manuel Barrucco moments of delayed gratiand the L.A. Guitar fication. It's the same thing with running a marathon. I think that's why I do it."

The program for the show consisted of performances of famous pieces by Bach, Lauro, Barrios, and Merlin. There were also a few selected pieces from some of Elliot Frank's students and colleagues, one of which was a sonata by

written especially for Frank. He says it is the single hardest song he's ever tried to play.

GCSU students had to pay a dollar to see the performance.

"I would have paid \$20 to see this,"Jon Yoder, a junior, said. "I thought I knew how to play guitar, but it turns out that I got a whole lot to learn.'

Anyone who wishes to see Elliot Frank play guitar in person will have to travel to do so, as it is unlikely that he will come back to GCSU anytime soon. However, for \$15, you can own his new CD ACA Digital Recordings called, "South American Guitar Music."

"The problem is that there's always two sides to a story."

- Steve Chambers, Milledgeville City Council member

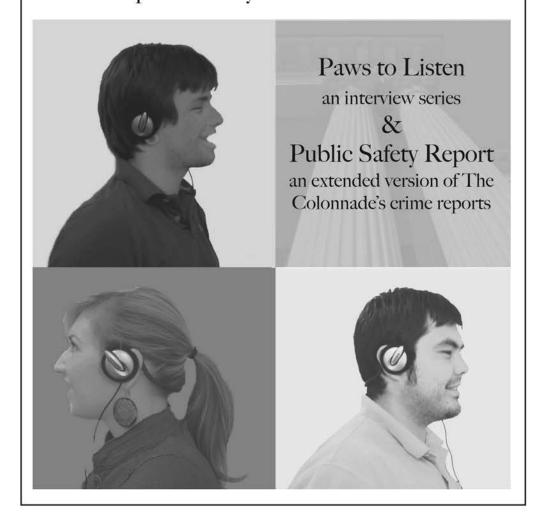
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THE SPORTS GUY

BY WES BROWN



Sports and **Emotions**

Like many southern guys, I am heavily involved in following college football, but unlike most people in this area, my heart belongs to the Auburn Tigers.

As you know, this past weekend wasn't impressive for the Tigers or the Bulldogs. The Arkansas Razorbacks routed Auburn 27-10 and the Bulldogs got stomped by the Tennessee Volunteers 51-33. These devastating losses made me wonder if people's emotions are affected by the outcome of sports games.

I have been a War Eagle fan since I was 8 years old. In my family, every year we expect nothing less than a Southeastern Conference title. After Arkansas put our dreams in jeopardy this weekend, I was very pissed and so were my siblings and parents. Do I believe sports affect emotions? I think the answer to this question is most definitely.

When the tigers win, I am happier than a kid on Christmas, and when they lose, I am as upset as a kid who dropped his ice cream

That's not to say my life is completely destroyed. Like any other person, I shrug it off a couple of hours later and continue my day. Some students seem to agree with the notion that sports can control your emotions. Senior Adam Blackmon, a Bulldog fan, elaborated on the subject.

"At first, when the Bulldogs lose, it bums me out; but I get over it," Blackmon said. "When they win though, I am very happy. In the game against Colorado, I was thrilled."

The degree to which sports affect our emotions depends on the score and the team they are playing. If Auburn were to lose to UGA, or the University of Alabama ,I would be angry beyond imagination. Freshman Michael Jarvis

agreed. " If a game affects the way I feel depends on many things," Jarvis said. " "If it is close game and my team loses, then I am more upset, but if my team pulls out a clutch victory I am

more excited." This past week, even though Auburn lost, my turmoil was quickly turned to triumph as the Detroit Tigers eliminated the New York Yankees from the playoffs. As a fan of the Braves and the Red Sox, nothing cheers me up more than the Yankees losing. Sports can be a factor in a person's mood.



WILL GODFREY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore Leah Holcombe practices her butterfly stroke during the Swim Cats club practice on Monday at the Centennial Center Pool.

Swim Cats search for a new home

BY A.J. Foss SENIOR REPORTER

The indoor swimming pool in the basement of Health Sciences has been shut down permanently, leaving the Swim Cats without a practice facility.

The indoor swimming pool was closed over the summer as renovations began on the Health Sciences building. The pool was to re-open once the renovations were complete, but due to a lack of funding, the pool will no longer be in use for any club or organization that wishes to use the pool.

The closing of the indoor swimming pool greatly affects the Swim Cats, the GCSU swimming club, who use the pool to

practice after Oct. 1, once the outdoor swimming pool located outside Centennial Center is closed until the Spring. Tammi Shepherd, president of the Swim Cats, is now scrambling to find an indoor pool once the temperatures go down.

"It gives us no options to swim when it gets too cold," Shepherd said.

Senior history major Smith shared Shepherd's sentiment in the loss of their practice

"We were really devastated," Smith said. "It took me by surprise."

The announcement came after the Swim Cats held the 2nd annual Bobcat Invitational on Sept. 23, in which the Swim Cats

including Georgia Tech. Emory University, and the University of Florida. The shutting down of the swimming pool has caused the cancellation of the Duel in the Dungeon swim meet that was to be held in Health Sciences later this

"The indoor pool in the basement got a kind of dungeon feel, so we were going to have a theme meet," Shepherd said.

The problem for the Swim Cats is more longterm, rather than shortterm. The team will still attend other swim meets that do not take place at GCSU. For practice, Shepherd has brought a solar tarp for the outdoor pool at Centennial Center. pool during days in which the pool is not used for swimming and traps the heat from the sun which when then transmit to the pool, allowing for a warmer pool temperature. This will allow the Swim Cats to use the pool at Centennial until the end of October.

Shepherd said that there is an indoor swimming pool at Central State Hospital, which is located 20 minutes from the GCSU campus. However, the pool at Central State is set to a temperature of 85 degrees which is unacceptable for swimming purpos-

Shepherd is in discussions with the project manager at GCSU to find a

played host to teams The solar tarp covers the way to use the outdoor pool at Centennial Center year round. One possibility is to enclose the pool during the winter months with a giant air dome known as a bubble, or a tent structure which is similar to a bubble except the tent structure has a metal skeleton. The bubble and the tent structure are temporary enclosures and can be removed for outdoor swimming during the summer. Another option is to permanently enclose the pool, but Shepherd believes that the university does not have the money for that type of construc-

tion. "We are working on either getting a bubble or tent structure at this point," said Shepherd.

Cheerleaders aim to carry on rich tradition

BY COREY DICKSTEIN STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU Cheerleaders can be found in the Centennial Center practicing their pyramids, tucks and stunts as they prepare for another successful season.

Head Coach Kyle Hood said his team is young but very talented this year.

"We have only one senior," Hood said. "More than half the team is freshmen and sophomores."

The cheerleading team held tryouts in April.

"That's the main, publicized one, but we also had informal tryouts in the fall," Hood said.

Hood said the team's newcomers are very talented and will help the team in its two aspects of cheerleading: supporting the basketball teams and competi-

"Our first focus is on the basketball season," Hood said. "Our goal is to create the most fun experience people can have at basket-ball games."

The team also wants to be successful in competition.

"We don't necessarily have to win," Hood said. well."

The Bobcat cheerleaders will be involved in two competitions this season. The first coincides with the Peach Belt Conference basketball tournament and the other is the National Championships in April at Daytona Beach.

Hood, who was a cheerleader when he attended school at GCSU, said that competing in the national tournament is the highlight of every season.

"It's the equivalent of the NCAA tournament or national championship game in football for our sport," Hood said.

There will be over 25 teams from several different states competing in the Division II co-ed subdivision at Daytona Beach.

GCSU has won three cheerleading national championships, in 1998, 1999 and 2001. They have also been national runners up in 2003 and 2005 and have won a number of conference championships.

"Considering that we don't give scholarships, we are rich in tradition and known in the cheerleading world to be at a highly competitive level," Hood

P.J. Schinella, a second "But you always want to do year cheerleader, said a

conference championship and a fourth national championship is a goal for the team this year.

"There's a more fun atmosphere around the team this year," Schinella said. "We have more talent than last year."

Katherine Smith, a third year cheerleader, said she also expects big things from the team this year.

"We have a really good team this year, everyone gets along really well. I think we'll really do well," Smith said.

GCSU has only one cheerleading squad. All members cheer at basketball games and in competi-

"It's a two-fold process," Hood said. "We don't have enough people to do a game squad and a competition squad. It's a requirement of all team members to cheer games in order to be on the competition team."

The cheerleaders can be seen at the first Lady Bobcat basketball game on Nov. 15 at the Centennial Center.

"The team is coming together really well," Smith said. "People are stepping up and doing things well, we should really be good."



TIFFANY JONES / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Sophomore political science major Heather Newkirk practices a stunt at the Centennial Center last week.



Upcoming Sports

Women's Soccer:

Friday 6 p.m. @North Georgia* 2 p.m. @Al. Huntsville Sunday

Men's Tennis:

@ITA Championship Fri. - Sun.

*PBC games

Water Ski:

Thur. - Sat. **NCWSA** Nationals Sacramento, CA

Women's Tennis:

Fri. - Sun. GCSU Championship

STAT *of the* WEEK

The ranking of the golf team, out of 25, according to the Golf Coaches Association of America NCAA Division II Poll released last Monday.

Muller returns to alma mater after 10 years

BY DEVIN VERNICK SENIOR REPORTER

For the past 10 years, the GCSU Sports Information Department has been successfully headed by Brad Muller. Oct. 15 will signal the end of an era within the university's athletic department, marking the last official day of Muller's career at GCSU. A popular face within the program, Muller's absence will not go without notice.

Many of GCSU's student athletes saw Muller not only as the person who compiled player statistics, arranged interviews and released press releases to the public, but also as a friend. Brianna Hope and Aaron Gibbs are two GCSU student athletes who each hold a high respect for Muller.

"I think Brad is amazing," said Hope, a junior mathematics major and outfielder on the softball team. " He has done so much for us and every other sport at GCSU. We liked how Brad got to know us on an individual basis. He cared about us and would always make us feel welcome and comfortable."

Gibbs agrees that Muller's presence was valuable.

"It was obvious that he cared about our program," said Gibbs, a senior Spanish major and guard on the baseball team. " He is an extremely hard worker and was huge for Georgia College athletics. I just hope whoever they bring in after him will do as good of a job as he did. I'm going to miss seeing Brad around."

Muller has accepted a job working with his alma mater, where he will act as the communications director for the University of start a family. The hard Madden will look to con-South Carolina Alumni part is leaving a job that I Association. engaged, Muller is excited about returning Columbia.

"It's one of the few places I would have gone," Muller said. "I have been in Milledgeville since October '93, starting as the sports director with WMVG and WKG3, and working there from '93 to summer of '96. I was hired here as the sports information director in fall 1996."

Working with the USC Alumni Association, Muller will be under a different type of workload. No longer being a regular face at athletic events,

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PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE After 10 years at GCSU, Brad Muller accepted a job as Communications Director at his alma mater, the University of South Carolina. His last day is Sunday.

will include releasing USC publications. alumni increasing USC alumni involvement, tracking down various USC alumni, departments of the university in an effort to place them all on the same page with their alumni databas-

"I'm very excited to be and working for my alma asked to step in and fill that mater," Muller said. "It is a role until someone comes chance to start a new life to take his place." with my future wife and Recently enjoy coming to everyday. I'll miss the staff [at GCSU] and all of our student athletes. I've enjoyed working with them and seeing them everyday."

A national search is currently underway to find a new full-time sports information director to replace Muller. GCSU's goal is to find someone before the upcoming basketball season. In the meantime, Muller's position will be filled by his graduate assistant, Andrew Madden. Madden is a familiar face on campus, having served as a student ambassador and a resident assistant dur-

Muller's responsibilities ing his undergraduate study here at GCSU. A 2006 GCSU graduate, Madden is honored to receive this new opportunity.

"I was kind of nervous, and working with other but at the same time I felt pretty good that he [Muller] feels that I am acceptable for the job," Madden said. "I am kind of anxious about it because he will not be here to guide me, but I feel moving back to Columbia proud that I have been

> As Muller steps out, tinue the trend of a successful information department for GCSU athletics.

"I'm excited, I love the school and I love the athletics department. It almost makes me wish the graduate [assistant] program lasted more than one year," Madden said.

Muller fondly reflects on his career at GCSU.

"I don't think I could ever have had as good of an experience as I have had here. I never thought I would have done this for ten years. That is because of our staff and the kids that have come through here have made it so enjoyable," said Muller.

NATIONAL SPORTS SPOT

By Mike King STAFF WRITER

The theme of the last week in national sports news has been one of shock and awe. From college football upsets to Major League Baseball headlines, many of the sure things turned out to be sure flops.

On Saturday in the Southeastern Conference, two losses were the highlight of an action-packed day. In an early afternoon showdown, No. 2 Auburn was handed a reality check by Arkansas' fierce running attack, which amassed 279 yards on the ground. The game ended in the Razorback's favor, 27-10.

A little closer to home, a night game "Between the Hedges" proved to be heartbreak for UGA fans. In a crucial game against SEC foe Tennessee, UGA struck early, entering halftime with a 24-14 lead. However, it was too good to be true for Bulldog fans. Tennessee scored 31 unanswered points in the second half and went on to win 51-33.

"We didn't pressure at all like we needed to," said UGA Head Coach Mark Richt, commenting on the amount of time Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge Saturday night.

Elsewhere in the SEC, No. 5 Florida beat No. 9 LSU 23-10, Mississippi State fell hard to No. 4 West Virginia, 42-14, and South Carolina topped Kentucky 24-17.

The NFL gave us some emerging powers in the NFC and some close calls for AFC heavyweights.

The Chicago Bears proved that they are definitely an elite team, not only bringing their defense on Sunday, but putting up 40 points in a decisive win against the Buffalo Bills.

Donovan McNabb won the heavily anticipated "T.O. Bowl," which marked Terrell Owens' return to Philadelphia after public problems with the Eagles, specifically The Eagles McNabb. defeated the Cowboys 38-24; Owens had only three receptions. The Atlanta Falcons had a bye week.

In the baseball world, fans we were presented with a handful of shocks as well. In the American League, both favorites had early exits. The Oakland A's swept the AL Central Champion Minnesota Twins three games to none, ending what seemed to be a promising postsea-

After a solid game one, the NY Yankees imploded, had inside the pocket allowing 18 runs over the next three games, and only

compiling six of their own. The Detroit Tigers kept things rolling against the Oakland A's in the AL Championship series. In the first two games, the Tiger's offense dominated. In game one, third baseman Brandon Inge collected three hits, falling a triple shy of hitting for the first cycle in postseason history. He scored two runs to help the Tigers win, 5-1. In game two, Alexis Gomez drove in four runs, including a two run homer in the sixth inning, leading the Tigers to a 8-5 win. The Tigers lead 2-0 in the series heading back to Detroit. Game three is today at 8:19 p.m.

The National League had less drama. With the Mets and Cardinals both favored, they moved fairly easily through Division Series, with NY sweeping the Dodgers and St. Louis putting an end to San Diego's late season run, three games to one.

The chase for the cup heated up the auto racing world on the track at Talladega for the UAW-Ford 500. Brian Vickers took the checkered flag, while Jeff Burton edged Matt Kenseth by six points at the top of the chase for the cup standings. They continue the chase this weekend at Martinsville Speedway.

What To Watch For





Game 3 @ DET Fri. 8:19 p.m. Game 4 @ DET Sat. 4:30 p.m. Game 5 @ DET Sun. 4:40 p.m. Game 6 @ OAK Tue 8:19 p.m. Game 7 @ OAK Wed 8:19 p.m.





Game 3 @ STL 8:05 p.m. Game 4 @ STL 8:15 p.m. Game 5 @ STL Mon. 8:19 p.m. Game 6 @ NYM Wed. 4:19 p.m. Game 7 @ NYM Thu. 8:19 p.m.

*All games on Fox or FX





New York @Atlanta Sunday 1 p.m., Fox

The Falcons have won the last three meetings in this series (all held from 2002-04 in New York). New York won 13-6 in its last visit to the Georgia Dome on Oct. 8, 2000, and has won five straight in Atlanta since 1978.



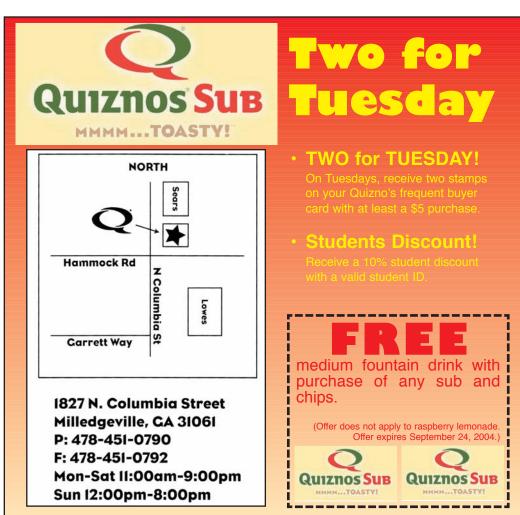


No. 2 Florida @ No. 11 Auburn Saturday 7:45 p.m., ESPN

Florida has won eight of the past nine meetings with the Tigers, with the only flaw a 23-20 defeat at Auburn in 2001, when the then-No. 1 Gators made their last trip to Auburn. Florida has only eight victories in 33 visits to Auburn.



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